(b) whether liberalisation in the qua si-monopoly enjoyed by Govern ment' controlled ageneies on text books for primary school children was strongly advocated at the conference;

(c) if so, what were the other subjects discussed and whether any recommendations had teen made; and

(d) if so,, what is Government- reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE '.SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) National Book Development Council has set up a Working Group to draft National Book Policy. The Working Group has prepared a draft for National Book Policy, which was discussed in a workshop held at New Delhi from 15th to 17th February, 1986.

(b) to (d) The National Book Developmen t Council which organised this workshop has not finalised its recommendations.

World Book Fair *J*

*349. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Times oi India" on 19th February, 1986 where in it has been stated that the Seventh World Book Fair held in New Delhi was a big failure; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) The Government does not Hgree with the view that the Seventh World Book Fair held in New Delhi was a failure. The number of Indian and Foreign Publishers who paricipated in the Fair and the number of visitors to the Seventh World Book Fair was more than in the Sixth World Book Fair.

Memorandum Regarding Train Services im the Bhavnagar Division

*350. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed memorandum regarding six issues relating to long distance trains, inter city trains, Saurashtra Mail Okha-Viramgam shuttle timings, Raj-kot-Veraval-Vansajalia train and diesel engines for local trains etc. of the Bhavnagar Division of the Western Railways have been received in February, 1986 by the Western Railways authorities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b> and (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.